

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method of controlling a computer that manages user's schedule, comprising the steps of:
- 10 setting a first time;
 determining whether a present time is within the first time before a going-out time at which the user is to go out; and
 setting the computer in an going-out mode in response to a determination that the present time
15 is within the first time before the going-out time.
- 20 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 setting a second time;
 determining whether the present time is within the second time before the going-out time;
25 controlling a power supply of the computer;
 wherein
 after the computer is set at the going-out mode, turning the power supply off in response to
30 the determination that the present time is within the second time before the going-out time.
- 35 3. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing, in response to the setting of the computer in the going-out mode, the computer to perform a predetermined operation.

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4. A method of controlling a computer that manages a user's schedule, the computer having a
10 user detection unit for determining whether a user has left the computer, the method comprising the steps of:

setting a first time;
determining whether a present time is
15 within the first time before a going-out time at which the user is to go out; and

setting, if the user detection unit determines that the user has left the computer, and a determination is made that the present time is not
20 within the first time before the going-out time, the computer in a stepping-out mode, and setting, if a determination is made that the present time is within the first time before the going-out time, the computer in an going-out mode.

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5. The method as claimed in claim 4,
30 further comprising the steps of:
setting a second time;
determining whether the present time is within the second time before the going-out time;
and

35 controlling a power supply of the computer;

wherein

after the computer is set in the going-out mode, turning the power supply off in response to the determination that the present time is within the second time before the going-out time.

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6. The method as claimed in claim 4,
10 further comprising the step of:
 setting a second time;
 determining whether the present time is
 within the second time before the going-out time;
 controlling a power supply of the
15 computer;
 wherein
 after the computer is set in the stepping-out mode, even if the determination is made that the present time is within the second time before the
20 going-out time, maintaining the power supply.

25 7. The method as claimed in claim 4,
further comprising the step of:
 causing, in response to the setting of the
computer in the going-out mode, the computer to
perform a predetermined operation.

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8. A computer that manages user's schedule,
35 comprising:
 a first time setting unit that sets a
first time;

a first determining unit that determines whether a present time is within the first time before a going-out time at which the user is to go out; and

5 an going-out setting unit that sets the computer in a going-out mode in response to a determination that the present time is within the first time before the going-out time.

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9. The computer as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

15 a second time setting unit that sets a second time;

a second determining unit that determines whether the present time is within the second time before the going-out time;

20 a controlling unit that controls a power supply of the computer;

wherein

after the going-out setting unit sets the computer in the going-out mode, the controlling unit
25 turns off the power supply of the computer.

30 10. The computer as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

a causing unit that, when said going-out setting unit sets the computer in the going-out mode, causes the computer to perform a predetermined
35 operation.

11. A computer that manages a user's schedule, comprising:

- 5 a user detection unit that determines whether a user has left the computer;
 a first time setting unit that sets a first time;
 a first determining unit that determines
10 whether a present time is within the first time before a going-out time at which the user is to go out; and
 a mode setting unit that, if said user detection unit determines that the user has left the
15 computer, and said first determining unit determines that the present time is not within the first time before the going-out time, sets the computer in a stepping-out mode and, if the first determining unit determines that the present time is within the first
20 time before the going-out time, sets the computer in a going-out mode.

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12. The computer as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

- a second time setting unit that sets a second time;
30 a second determining unit that determines whether the present time is within the second time before the going-out time; and
 a controlling unit that controls a power supply of the computer;
35 wherein
 after said going-out setting unit sets the computer in the going-out mode, said controlling

unit turns off the power supply in response to the second determining unit determining that the present time is within the second time before the going-out time.

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13. The computer as claimed in claim 11,
10 further comprising:
a second time setting unit that sets a second time;
a second determining unit that determines whether the present time is within the second time
15 before the going-out time;
a controlling unit that controls a power supply of the computer;
wherein
after said mode setting unit sets the
20 computer in the stepping-out mode, even if said second determining unit determines that the present time is within the second time before the going-out time, said controlling unit maintains the power supply.

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14. The computer as claimed in claim 11,
30 further comprising:
a causing unit that, in response to that the mode setting unit sets the computer in the going-out mode, causes the computer to perform a predetermined operation.

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15. A computer program that causes a computer managing user's schedule to perform a method comprising the steps of:

5 setting a first time;
 determining whether a present time is within the first time before a going-out time at which the user is to go out; and
 setting the computer in an going-out mode
10 in response to a determination that the present time is within the first time before the going-out time.

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16. The computer program as claimed in claim 15, the method further comprising the steps of:

 setting a second time;
20 determining whether the present time is within the second time before the going-out time;
 controlling a power supply of the computer;
 wherein
25 after the computer is set in the going-out mode, turning the power supply off in response to the determination that the present time is within the second time before the going-out time.

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17. The computer program as claimed in claim 1, the method further comprising the step of:

35 causing, in response to the setting of the computer in the going-out mode, the computer to perform a predetermined operation.

5 18. A computer program that causes a
computer managing a user's schedule, the computer
having a user detection unit for determining whether
a user has left the computer, to perform a method
comprising the steps of:
10 setting a first time;
 determining whether a present time is
within the first time before a going-out time at
which the user is to go out; and
 setting, if the user detection unit
15 determines that the user has left the computer, and
a determination is made that the present time is not
within the first time before the going-out time, the
computer in a stepping-out mode, and setting, if a
determination is made that the present time is
20 within the first time before the going-out time, the
computer in a going-out mode.

25 19. The computer program as claimed in
claim 18, the method further comprising the steps
of:
 setting a second time;
30 determining whether the present time is
within the second time before the going-out time;
and
 controlling a power supply of the
computer;
35 wherein
 after the computer is set in the going-out
mode, turning the power supply off in response to

the determination that the present time is within the second time before the going-out time.

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20. The computer program as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

setting a second time;

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determining whether the present time is within the second time before the going-out time;

controlling a power supply of the computer;

wherein

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after the computer is set in the stepping-out mode, even if the determination is made that the present time is within the second time before the going-out time, maintaining the power supply.

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21. The computer program as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

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causing, in response to the setting of the computer in the going-out mode, the computer to perform a predetermined operation.

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22. A method of controlling a computer that manages a user's schedule, comprising the steps of:

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determining whether the user is using the computer; and

controlling a power supply of the computer

based on the user's schedule in response to the determination that the user is not using the computer.

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23. A computer that manages user's schedule, comprising:

10 a determining unit that determines whether the user is using the computer; and

a controlling unit that, in response to said determining unit determining that the user is using the computer, controls a power supply of the
15 computer based on the user's schedule.

20 24. A computer program that causes a computer managing user's schedule to perform a method comprising the steps of:

determining whether the user is using the computer; and

25 controlling a power supply of the computer based on the user's schedule in response to the determination that the user is not using the computer.

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25. A computer readable recording medium storing the computer program as claimed in claim 15.

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26. A computer readable recording medium
storing the computer program as claimed in claim 18.

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27. A computer readable recording medium
storing the computer program as claimed in claim 24.

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28. A method of controlling a computer
15 that manages a user's schedule, the computer having
a user detection unit, comprising the steps of:
 setting a first time;
 determining whether a present time is
 within the first time before a going-out time at
20 which the user is to go out; and
 setting, if the user detection unit
determines that a user has left the computer, and a
determination is made that the present time is not
within the first time before the going-out time, the
25 computer in a stepping-out mode.

30 29. The method as claimed in claim 28,
further comprising the step of: setting, if a
determination is made that the present time is
within the first time before the going-out time, the
computer in a going-out mode.

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30. The method as claimed in claim 29,
further comprising the steps of:

setting a second time;

5 determining whether the present time is
within the second time before the going-out time;
and

controlling a power supply of the
computer;

10 wherein

after the computer is set in the going-out
mode, turning the power supply off in response to
the determination that the present time is within
the second time before the going-out time.

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31. The method as claimed in claim 29,
20 further comprising the step of:

setting a second time;

determining whether the present time is
within the second time before the going-out time;

25 controlling a power supply of the
computer;

wherein

after the computer is set in the stepping-
out mode, even if the determination is made that the
present time is within the second time before the
30 going-out time, maintaining the power supply.

32. The method as claimed in claim 29,
35 further comprising the step of:

causing, in response to the setting of the

computer at the going-out mode, the computer to perform a predetermined operation.

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33. A computer that manages a user's schedule, comprising:

- 10 a user detection unit that determines whether a user has left the computer;
- a first time setting unit that sets a first time;
- 15 a first determining unit that determines whether a present time is within the first time before a going-out time at which the user is to go out; and
- 20 a stepping-out mode setting unit that, if said user detection unit determines that a user has left the computer, and said first determining unit determines that the present time is not within the first time before the going-out time, sets the computer in a stepping-out mode.

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34. The computer as claimed in claim 33, further comprising:

- 30 a going-out mode setting unit that, if said first determination unit determines that the present time is within the first time before the going-out time, sets the computer in a going-out mode.

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35. The computer as claimed in claim 34,
further comprising:

a second setting unit that sets a second
time;

5 a second determining unit that determines
whether the present time is within the second time
before the going-out time; and

a controlling unit that controls a power
supply of the computer;

10 wherein

after said going-out mode setting unit
sets the computer in the going-out mode, said
controlling unit turns off the power supply in
response to said first determining unit determining
15 that the present time is within the second time
before the going-out time.

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36. The computer as claimed in claim 34,
further comprising:

a second setting unit that sets a second
time;

25 a second determining unit that determines
whether the present time is within the second time
before the going-out time;

a controlling unit that controls a power
supply of the computer;

30 wherein

after said stepping-out mode setting unit
sets the computer in the stepping-out mode, even if
said second determination unit determines that the
present time is within the second time before the
35 going-out time, said controlling unit maintains the
power supply.

37. The computer as claimed in claim 34,
5 further comprising:

a causing unit that causes, in response to
said going-out mode setting unit setting the
computer in the going-out mode, the computer to
perform a predetermined operation.
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38. A computer program that causes a
15 computer managing a user's schedule, the computer
having a user detection unit for determining whether
a user has left the computer, to perform a method
comprising the steps of:

setting a first time;
20 determining whether a present time is
within the first time before a going-out time at
which the user is to go out; and

setting, if the user detection unit
determines that a user has left the computer, and a
25 determination is made that the present time is not
within the first time before the going-out time, the
computer in a stepping-out mode.

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39. The computer program as claimed in
claim 38, the method further comprising the step of:
setting, if a determination is made that the present
35 time is within the first time before the going-out
time, the computer in a going-out mode.

40. The computer program as claimed in
5 claim 39, the method further comprising the steps
of:

setting a second time;
determining whether the present time is
within the second time before the going-out time;
10 and
controlling a power supply of the
computer;
wherein
after the computer is set in the going-out
15 mode, turning the power supply off in response to
the determination that the present time is within
the second time before the going-out time.

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41. The computer program as claimed in
claim 39, the method further comprising the steps
of:

25 setting a second time;
determining whether the present time is
within the second time before the going-out time;
controlling a power supply of the
computer;
30 wherein
after the computer is set in the stepping-
out mode, even if the determination is made that the
present time is within the second time before the
going-out time, maintaining the power supply.

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42. The computer program as claimed in
claim 39, the method further comprising the step of:
causing, in response to the setting of the
5 computer in the going-out mode, the computer to
perform a predetermined operation.

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43. A computer readable recording medium
storing the computer program as claimed in claim 38.

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